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FBI warns of fraudsters impersonating feds

The FBI issued an urgent warning in January regarding a sophisticated scam where fraudsters impersonate federal agents and prosecutors. These criminals capitalize on fear and intimidation by falsely telling people they are suspects or victims in fraud investigations.

How the scam works

Fraudsters reach out via unsolicited phone calls or emails often using spoofed phone numbers that appear to come from legitimate government agencies. They may mention real-sounding titles, badge numbers, or personal details to build credibility. Then they pressure targets to provide bank account information, credit card numbers, or immediate payments via cryptocurrency, wire transfers, or prepaid cards to “resolve” the legal issue.

Protect yourself

Trust your instincts: if an unknown caller pressures you or says things that don't sound right, hang up. Then call the law enforcement agency directly to verify.

Know the Policy: Federal law enforcement authorities will never contact you by phone to demand money or personal financial information. Any legitimate legal action or investigation is typically handled in person or through official correspondence via the U.S. Mail.

If you believe you have been targeted, report it online to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at [ic3.gov](https://www.ic3.gov). And call your local police or sheriff's office.



Hang up if you hear one of these

“There is a warrant out for your arrest.”

“You are the victim in a federal fraud investigation.”

“Do not hang up or tell anyone about this call.”

“Pay a settlement fee with cryptocurrency or gift cards to avoid jail.”

“We need you to help us catch a criminal by moving your money.”

“Only say what I tell you to say to the bank teller.”

Hunker down: Here come the winter-weather scams

State and U.S. agencies are warning consumers to beware a surge in ripoffs that predictably follow storms or winter conditions such as the freezing winds that hit Central Florida recently. Three problems to watch out for:

“Storm chaser” contractors.

The Better Business Bureau and Florida Attorney General have warned against unlicensed door-to-door contractors offering immediate tree removal, HVAC repairs, or roofing fixes. These “storm chasers” often demand large upfront cash deposits, frequently vanish without finishing the work, or perform shoddy, dangerous repairs.

If they can't or won't provide copies of their license, insurance, or a contract for work, that's a red flag

Utility imposter phishing.

The Federal Trade Commission has issued a 2026 alert regarding scammers posing as utility companies: “Scammers know severe weather may have disrupted your electricity, heat, or plumbing. And they might try to take advantage by sending messages that look like they're from your utility company with links designed to steal your personal information.”

Some scammers send texts or emails offering to repair equipment or restore your service faster for a fee — a service they cannot provide, the FTC warns.

Unexpected messages.

Don't respond to texts or emails or click any links in them. Instead, contact your utility company directly. Or verify a contractor's license at [MyFloridaLicense.com](https://www.MyFloridaLicense.com).

Law & Order News



At 'Red Sand' event, State Attorney's Office pledges to prosecute human trafficking, support its victims

Leaders from Seminole County law enforcement, business and government joined the Central Florida Human Trafficking Task Force Jan. 24 to call attention to the plight of victims at the group's annual Red Sand Project event in Sanford.

There, red sand poured into sidewalk seams symbolized the victims of forced labor, prostitution and other human trafficking who can "fall through the cracks" of society and be overlooked.

Pictured, top right: Senior trial prosecutor Domenick Leo, center, joined the ceremony alongside State Rep. Rachel Saunders, left, and Chief Mark Conway of the Seminole County Sheriff's Office.

Want to help the cause? Visit event host Palate Coffee Roasters in downtown Sanford, a mission-driven business that donates profits to fight human trafficking.



Photos courtesy of Spyglass Imaging

Man who beat up Uber driver in Casselberry faces decades in prison

MARQUIS A. DELCAMPO of Longwood faces up to 30 years in prison for beating up and hospitalizing an Uber driver who asked him to exit his vehicle after a ride concluded.

A Seminole County jury found Delcampo, 34, guilty on Jan. 21 of aggravated battery on rideshare driver Jovanny Mercado Guzman in 2023. Prosecutors Domenick Leo and Martine McCarthy presented evidence including witnesses' phone video of the attack, video surveillance from a nearby business, Uber records, eyewitness testimony identifying Delcampo as the passenger, and photos and medical records of the then-50-year-old victim's cuts, contusions, broken nose and fractured upper jawbone.

Because Delcampo (right) committed the battery within three years of his release from prison, prosecutors also successfully made the case to jurors that Delcampo should be sentenced as a Prison Releasee Reoffender and Habitual Felony Offender, statuses that could double his sentence to 30 years. Delcampo previously served time in jail and state prison for drugs, theft, and gun possession by a felon.



Former principal sentenced for Cocoa Beach house party

Former Brevard elementary school principal ELIZABETH HILL-BRODIGAN was sentenced Feb. 2 to two years of probation after she pled no-contest to one count of holding an open house party and two counts of contributing to the delinquency of minors. The misdemeanor charges stemmed from a teenage house party she allowed at her home in Cocoa Beach in January 2025 that involved underage drinking. One student was evaluated by paramedics for alcohol poisoning, another was arrested for DUI.

Hill-Brodigan, 48, must have no unsupervised contact with minors, host no parties at her home where alcohol is present, and obey a 10 p.m. curfew.

Said State Attorney William Scheiner: "Our objective in this case was accountability along with sentencing conditions that would prevent similar dangerous behavior in the future. Florida's laws dealing with open house parties and underage drinking are meant to keep our young people and communities safe."

Grandson gets 35 years for Rockledge stabbing death

A young man who as a 16-year-old stabbed his grandmother to death in Rockledge in 2022 has been convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to 35 years in prison.

JAYLIN K. CHRISTIAN, 19, pled guilty to the murder in an agreement with the State Attorney's Office that called for his sentence to be decided by the judge. At a hearing Jan. 12, Assistant State Attorney Mike Doyle called for life imprisonment for Christian for the gruesome killing of his grandmother, Muriel Emerson, 57.

"She was his biggest supporter and champion," Doyle said. Emerson, who had worked as a probation officer, took in the troubled teenager when he couldn't get along with other family, "and within five months, she was dead," Doyle said.